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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR )  
REDUCING MOTION OF A FLOATING )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows: